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- The Micrient Society of 15 Via Podgora, Milan, a firm created by the Rayptian 1. Military Mission in Italy to carry on its trading affairs, is negotiating with the Baglietto Movel Works of Genoa for the purchase of twelve MAS motorboats built for wartime action. The negotiations are being carried out through (fnu) Sabri Pashat a relative of King Faruq of Ngypt. Contact with Baglietto was made through the Compagnia Italiana Traffici Oltremare of 11 Via Borgomuovo. dillan.
- Sabri Pasha is president of Micrient, and Dr. Armando Piergrossi is general manager. A prominent Italian Government personality, close to Premier Alcide De Gasperi, is said to be interested in the firm, and facilitates the issuing of licenses for emport. The firm was formed to permit the Egyptians to exercise a closer control over their purchases, resulting from their dissatisfaction with thirty-six Macchi 205V planes they bought from Macchi. They expected new planes but were delivered rebuilt models.

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Comment: Sabri Pasha is possibly identical with Lieutenant Colonel Salah al-Din Sabri, an official in the Rayptian Ministry of Defense, who in July 1943 was in Italy to purchase arms.

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